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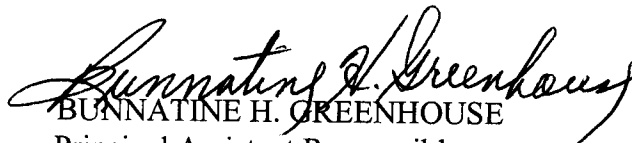
MEMORANDUM FOR ALL USACE COMMANDS (DIRECTORS/CHIEFS OF CONTRACTING)

SUBJECT: PARC Instruction Letter (PIL) 2003-02, Mandatory Use of Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPAs) for Office Products for the Army

1. Reference enclosed Memorandum dated 23 December 2002, SAB. This memorandum supersedes and clarifies the Army Contracting Agency's implementation memorandum dated 26 September 2002, Subject: Mandatory Use of Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for Office Products for the Army, and provides additional instructions on the use of the mandatory Army wide BPAs for office products.
2. This PARC Instruction Letter (PIL) 2003-02 is issued to reemphasize the compliance with Memorandum dated 23 December and Enclosure 1 – Exceptions to Mandatory Use of Army Blanket Purchase Agreement and Instructions for Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act Purchase.
3. PIL Number 2003-02, SAB supersedes PIL Number 2002-19.
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Mandatory Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for Office Products

This memorandum supersedes and clarifies the Army Contracting Agency's implementation memorandum dated September 26, 2002, subject: Mandatory Use of Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for Office Products for the Army, and provides additional instructions on the use of the mandatory Army wide BPAs for office products.

Except for limited exceptions identified in the Enclosure, cardholders are required to place orders against the mandatory BPAs, and to the maximum extent practicable, to process all orders through the Department of Defense (DoD) EMALL. Processing orders through the EMALL gives the Army valuable information about the products we use, the prices we pay, and socioeconomic status of the vendors we buy from. The resulting data will permit us to strategically manage the BPAs and institute changes based on data obtained automatically rather than through a manual tracking and reporting system. Cardholders are required to screen the BPAs to determine the best value for the products they wish to purchase. Where a Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (JWOD) product is available, it shall be ordered in preference to other similar items of the same general type.

Orders exceeding the micro-purchase threshold may be placed against these BPAs provided the cardholder has been delegated increased purchase authority, and orders are competed among all BPA holders who are OTHER THAN large business.

Where there are existing agreements with local Self Service Supply Centers or their equivalent, many of which are operated by JWOD-participating nonprofit agencies, cardholders shall use these stores for JWOD products unless prices are higher than other JWOD sources (see enclosure 1.) Where similar pricing exists among BPA holders, vendors other than large business should be considered first.

Office products are generally consumable items that are used in an office environment. Mandatory use of BPAs applies to products meeting the definition established by the General Service Administration (GSA) when establishing their Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) for this class of items, as follows:

**"OFFICE PRODUCTS** - Offerors may offer their entire commercial catalog, or may offer a select, limited line of office products. Office products include, but are not limited to items such as: pens, pencils, markers, xerographic paper, and printer paper, fax paper, binders, tape, envelopes, helical-scan, longitudinally oriented video tapes, video cassettes, reel to reel audio tapes, blank endless loop audio cartridge tapes, magnetic tape audio recording cassette, computer tape, reel, cartridge, cassette, diskettes, disk packs, disk cartridges, anti-glare/anti-radiation screens (VDT), ergonomic products (wrist and foot rests), cleaning equipment and supplies (head cleaners, disk drive cleaners, monitor cleaners, toner wipes, minivacuums, etc.) optical disks, CD ROMS, physical storage, security, protective and related ADP supplies, remanufactured toner cartridges excluding Hewlett Packard Part Nos. HP92291A and HP92295A. EXCLUSIONS: All products which have been determined to be essentially the same as items available under the JWOD Program; items which do not comply with the requirements set forth in Executive Order 13101 and Items which are not in compliance with the Trade Agreements Act."

Other products, such as furniture, which may appear in typical office supply catalogs are not mandatory for purchase under these BPAs.

We are working with the DoD EMALL Program Management Office to make using the EMALL easier and more efficient for Army users. An EMALL Help Desk has been established to assist users with registration and ordering problems. The toll free number is 1-888-352-9333. The EMALL can be accessed through [www.emall.dla.mil](http://www.emall.dla.mil). Mr. Steve White is the ACA liaison to the EMALL and can be reached at 703-681-5409. Army Contracting Agency points of contact are: Mr. Rick Thurston, 703-681-1042 for ACA Contract Policy; and Ms. Alice Williams, 703-681-1050 for Army Government Purchase Card problems.

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**Exceptions to Mandatory Use of Army Blanket Purchase Agreements and  
Instructions for Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act Purchases**

When any of the following conditions exist, an exception to the mandatory use of these BPAs is granted:

- (i) Purchase is made from local JWOD Self-Service Stores
- (ii) The mandatory BPA vendors cannot satisfy the ordering office's urgent delivery requirement;
- (iii) Purchase is made of a JWOD product from sources other than BPA holders when mandatory JWOD products from BPA holders are determined to be priced above fair market value of the product. A comparison with other JWOD sources is required, and the least expensive JWOD source shall be used.

The Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c), requires the Government to purchase supplies or services on the Procurement List, at prices established by the Committee, from JWOD participating nonprofit agencies if they are available within the period required (FAR 8.704). Where a JWOD product is available, it shall be ordered in preference to other similar items of the same general type. If the product from BPA holders appears to be priced above the fair market value of the product, then a comparison with other JWOD sources is required, and the least expensive JWOD source shall be used. If the least expensive JWOD alternative is still considered to be above fair market price, the cardholder is not excused from purchasing the mandatory JWOD product, but shall submit a report detailing the discrepancy to the Army JWOD point of contact, Ms. Dorothy Hindman, at (703) 681-1032, [dorothy.hindman@saalt.army.mil](mailto:dorothy.hindman@saalt.army.mil). It is critical that the Army identify discrepancies to the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, so that the problem can be addressed. The report shall include the following data:

Item, description, BPA holder name, BPA holder price, cheapest JWOD source name, cheapest JWOD source price, estimated cost of shipping to destination, POC name, POC phone number, and documentation of other sources demonstrating that the JWOD product is not being offered at fair market price.

FAR 8.707(f) permits the Army Contracting Agency to make recommendations to the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled for price revisions for supplies and services on the Procurement List if it believes the prices are not set at fair market price.

Enclosure 1